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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

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SUMMARY: MESSAGE IN REFTEL DELIVERED TO FOREIGN OFFICE AND FINANCE MINISTRY MONDAY, JUNE 6. PRELIMINARY CONFIDENTIAL

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REACTION IS THAT JUNE 22 IS ACCEPTABLE TO FRG AS DATE OF NEXT MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL FRAU WILLMAN, WHO WILL PROBABLY AGAIN REPRESENT FINANCE MINISTRY AT UPCOMING SESSION ON PORTUGAL, IS AGREEABLE TO JUNE 22 AS DATE FOR NEXT MEETING. WILLMAN, HOWEVER, QUESTIONED MEANING OF

SENTENCE IN U.S. MESSAGE WHICH READS, "IT IS HOPED AT THIS MEETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE EFFORT MIGHT BE CONCLUDED". WILLMAN SAID THAT FRG PREPARED TO ANNOUNCE AT THE MEETING THE SIZE OF ITS CONTRIBUTION, BUT SHE WAS CONCERNED THAT U.S. WORDING IMPLIED REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL DETAILS, E.G., DISPERSEMENT SCHEDULE, INTEREST RATE, ETC., OF FRG CONTRIBUTION AT THE MEETING. THIS, SHE SAYS, WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE SINCE THE FUNDS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RAISED AND THE MATTER IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE SENTENCE SHOULD BE READ IN THE CONTEXT OF THE U.S. DESIRE FOR FORMAL COMMITMENTS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET AGREED TO PARTICIPATE AND THAT THE U.S. UNDERSTANDS THAT EXACT DETAILS ARE STILL UNCERTAIN.

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2. IN A RELATED MATTER (TREAT NOFORN) WILLMAN REVEALED THAT THE FINANCE MINISTRY IS SUGGESTING THAT THE CHANCELLOR RAISE THE ISSUE OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION AT THE FRENCH-GERMAN SUMMIT ON JUNE 16. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH VON STEIN OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE CONFIRMED THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FOREIGN OFFICE IS ALSO SUPPORTING THIS. ACCORDING TO VON STEIN, FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IS REGARDED AS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE EFFORT.

3. VON STEIN TOLD US THAT, ALTHOUGH HE PREFERRED THE 24TH, JUNE 22 IS ACCEPTABLE. IN ADDITION, HE INFORMED US THAT THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN IN TO SEEN HIM ON JUNE 3 TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE GERMAN CONTRIBUTION AND TO PLEAD PORTUGAL'S CASE FOR FAVORABLE FINANCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. THE APPROACH ACCORDING TO VON STEIN, WAS MADE ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PORTUGAL AND HAD BEEN SENT TO PORTUGUESE AMBASSADORS IN ALL COUNTRIES WHICH ATTENDED THE MAY 16 MEETING EXCEPTING FRANCE. VON STEIN SAID THAT THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE AMOUNT OF THE GERMAN CONTRIBUTION AND THAT THE FRG HAD NO OBJECTION IF THE U.S. MENTIONED AMOUNT OF PROSPECTIVE FRG CONTRIBUTION IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS.

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